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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please cancel claims 16 and 18, amend claims 15, 17, 19 and 25-28 and add claims 29-38 as follows:

1-14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A film guide for a movie camera having an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera and having a spacing window which is arranged on a gripper platform, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel or film gap is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism, wherein the gripper platform or the spacing window is supported on the image window, and wherein the gripper platform and/or the spacing window is supported on at least one contact surface of the image window via at least three projections, wherein the projections define corner points of a geometric figure.

16. (Cancelled).

17. (Currently Amended) The film guide of claim 15 [[or 16]], wherein the gripper platform and/or the spacing window are/is supported on at least one contact surface of the image window via a plurality of projections which are in the form of spacers.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) ~~The film guide of claim 17, A film guide for a movie camera having an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera and having a spacing window which is arranged on a gripper platform, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel or film gap is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism, wherein the gripper platform or the spacing window is supported on the image window, and wherein the gripper platform and/or the spacing~~

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window is supported on at least one contact surface of the image window via plurality of projections which are in the form of spacers, wherein the gripper platform and/or the spacing window are/is supported on the at least one contact surface of the image window via three projections.

20. (Previously Presented) The film guide of claim 19, wherein the first and second projections on the gripper platform and/or on the spacing window are arranged on a side edge of the gripper platform and/or of the spacing window which run/runs parallel to the movement direction of the movie film, and the third projection is arranged on the opposite side edge of the gripper platform and/or of the spacing window, preferably centrally between the first and second projections.

21. (Previously Presented) The film guide of claim 17, wherein the gripper platform and/or the spacing window are/is supported on the at least one contact surface of the image window via in each case one projection, which is preferably in the form of a web or is flat.

22. (Previously Presented) The film guide of claim 17, wherein the gripper platform and/or the spacing window are/is supported on the at least one contact surface of the image window via in each case at least two projections, which are arranged on each side of the gripper platform and/or of the spacing window.

23. (Previously Presented) The film guide of claim 15, wherein the projections are supported on the film plane of the image window.

24. (Previously Presented) The film guide of claim 15, wherein the spacing window is sprung with respect to the gripper platform which holds the spacing window.

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25. (Currently Amended) ~~The film guide of claim 15, A film guide for a movie camera having an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera and having a spacing window which is arranged on a gripper platform, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel or film gap is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism, wherein the gripper platform or the spacing window is supported on the image window,~~ characterized in that the spacing window is sprung via a contact-pressure lever.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~The film guide of claim 15, A film guide for a movie camera having an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera and having a spacing window which is arranged on a gripper platform, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel or film gap is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism, wherein the gripper platform or the spacing window is supported on the image window,~~ wherein the gripper platform is part of a drive module which contains the film transport mechanism.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~The film guide of claim 15, A film guide for a movie camera having an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera and having a spacing window which is arranged on a gripper platform, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel or film gap is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism, wherein the gripper platform or the spacing window is supported on the image window,~~ wherein the drive module is arranged in the camera housing such that it is pivotable and/or movable.

28. (Currently Amended) ~~The film guide of claim 15, A film guide for a movie camera having an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera and having a spacing window which is arranged on a gripper platform, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel or film gap is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism, wherein the gripper platform or the spacing~~

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window is supported on the image window, wherein the drive module is movable and/or pivotable with respect to the image window in order to insert a movie film into the film channel which is formed between the image window and the gripper platform.

29. (New) A film guide for a movie camera comprising:

an image window which is arranged in the recording beam path of the movie camera;

a gripper platform which is supported on the image window, between whose mutually facing film planes a film channel is formed through which the movie film is moved by means of a film transport mechanism; and

a spacing window coupled to the gripper platform,

wherein the spacing window is supported on the image window in such a manner that the film channel narrows to form a film gap between the mutually facing film planes of the image window and the spacing window, and wherein at least one of the gripper platform and the spacing window is supported on the at least one contact surface of the image window via at least three projections.

30. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein the projections define corner points of a geometric figure.

31. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein first and second projections of said at least three projections are arranged on a side edge of the at least one of said gripper platform and said spacing window wherein said side edge runs parallel to the movement direction of the movie film, and a third projection of said at least three projections is arranged on an opposite side edge of the at least one of said gripper platform and said spacing window.

32. (New) The film guide of claim 31, wherein the spacing window is sprung via a contact-pressure lever.

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33. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein a first of said at least three projections is located centrally between a second and a third of said at least three projections.

34. (New) The film guide of claim 33, wherein the first of said at least three projections is not aligned along a line defined by said second and third of said at least three projections.

35. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein the gripper platform is supported on at least one contact surface of the image window via a plurality of said projections.

36. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein the gripper platform is part of a drive module which contains the film transport mechanism.

37. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein the drive module is arranged in the camera housing such that it is pivotable and/or movable.

38. (New) The film guide of claim 29, wherein the drive module is movable and/or pivotable with respect to the image window to allow for insertion of a movie film into the film channel which is formed between the image window and the gripper platform.